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Pamela - I see the hearing is recessed for votes. Here's a summary of issues raised related to PA in this morning's hearing. Didn't know if you had a chance to watch or attend.

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House Oversight and Government Reform Committee Hearing  
Rhetoric vs. Reality: Does President Obama Really Support an “All-of-the-Above” Energy Strategy?  
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#### **From Secretary Krancer’s opening statement**

- PA has no desire to remove health and safety protections
- PA is expanding production in spite of federal government intervention
- Federal government is picking winners and losers
- The regulatory agenda is not “all of the above”
- There is a hostile attitude toward HF by federal government in PA
- In Dimock, after the state had control, the federal government came in and tested the water – after 4 rounds of sampling, nothing was found; now the federal government is looking for an exit strategy, but he’s not sure if or how they’ll do that before the election
- Air regulations are hostile toward coal: utility MACT, transport rule, NAAQS...and on shaky technical basis
- Waste coal will be killed by new regulations, and this industry produces an important environmental benefit
- Coal ash will be regulated with no scientific or legal justification
- Coal mining permits in PA – EPA is more involved than ever, on a questionable basis
- Federal government is not dealing with nuclear waste disposal

#### **Highlights from Q&A**

- Advice to fed gov’t is: back off. States are doing a good job regulating fracking in their states. Fed government out of the blue is showing an interest in HF. Not just EPA – also the Corps overstepping project review (pipelines). Advice: trust the states, they know what they’re doing. USEPA...has a “fast track” on regulations (especially, air). Federal government is on a “snail track” on permit issuance.
- Regulatory oversight better done at state level.
- Energy efficiency is part of competitive markets by their nature. Wind is not brand-new. Subsidies of other (non-fossil fuel) energy sources do impact fossil fuel sources.
- Fed govt should review NEPA - process is lengthy and unpredictable.